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To the Right Honourable  
*JOHN* Lord *SOMMERS*,  
Lord High Chancellor of *England*,  
President of the ROYAL SOCIETY:

And to the  
Council and Fellows  
Of the said  
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OF  
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This Twentieth Volume  
OF THE  
PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS

Is humbly Dedicated

By *Hans Sloane*, S. R. Secr.

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**T**H E Honourable the *East-India* Company, having received from Mr. *Samuel Browne*, a Physician who has liv'd Seventeen Years in their Service at *Fort-St George*, or *Madaras*, in the *East-Indies*, a very considerable Collection of dried *Specimens* or Samples of Plants, Fruits, and Drugs; together with an Account of his Observations of the Uses of them, by the Natives and others of those Parts, both in Physick, Dying, &c. have very generously and for the Publick Good, presented them to the Royal Society of *London* for improving Natural Knowledge: Who considering the great Use and Improvement may be made of such Collections, have ordered that the Publick shall have the Benefit of this Present, by receiving the whole Account that came with them, from time to time in these Papers, and by taking care that the things themselves shall be preserved from Corruption in their Repository, where recourse may be had to them by the curious, so soon as they are put into such a Condition, as not to suffer by being handled.

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